

61. A filtering system as defined in claim 57, in which said second and third filtering media and said drains are circular and concentric.

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62. A filtering system as defined in claim 57, in which one of said drains surrounds, in one plane, all of the other elements of said claim 57.

63. A filtering system as defined in claim 57, in which said porous barriers comprise a geotextile material that is fine enough to retain said second and third filtering media.

REMARKS

Claims 21, 23-31, 33-36, and 39-63 are in this case.

Depending claim 22 was held allowable. It has now been added to parent claim 21 and therefore parent claim 21 is now allowable.

Claims 23-31 and 33-36, depend from claim 21 and in each case provides a new patentable combination.

Independent claim 39 distinguishes from Hood and Ernst by reciting a porous sidewall for preventing passage of filtering material therethrough while allowing passage of fluid therethrough.

Claim 40 depends from claim 39 and says that most of the sidewall is porous, and thus is new and unobvious.

Claim 41 calls for at least two cells one of which surrounds another. This is also new and unobvious when considered in combination with claim 39.

Claim 42 is new and patentable by calling for the shape of the cell.

Claim 43 is new and patentable since it calls for the shape of the layers of claim 39.

Claim 44 is new and patentable since it adds to claim 39 that the "drain surrounds said layers in at least one plane".

Claim 45 is new and patentable since it adds to claim 39 the words: "one of said layers surrounds another one of said layers"--.

Claim 46 is new and patentable since it adds to claim 39, that the layers and drains are at least semi-circular.

Claim 47 is new and patentable as it states the shape more specifically.

Claim 48 is patentable since it adds the reservoir and its outlet to the combination.

Independent claim 49 is new and patentable since it recites porous barriers as a part of the overall combination. Ernst has mere holes, however the claim says that the barrier does not allow "filtering media to pass through it".

Claim 50 adds to claim 49 by further defining a barrier.

Claims 51 and 52 add patentable novelty to claim 49 by reciting the shape of some of the parts.

Claim 53 has patentable novelty in view of the recitals in its last four lines.

Claim 54 depends from claim 53, and provides at least two cells. It is therefore patentable.

Claim 55 depends from claim 49 and calls for a tray feeding fluid to be filtered etc. and for an overflow outlet. This renders

claim 55 patentable.

Claim 56 recites for barriers "along both of said sides" and is therefore patentable.

Claim 57 recites barriers, media and drains on each of two sides of the first filtering media and is therefore patentable.

Claim 58 is patentable as it calls for "one continuous filtering media" in the combination of claim 57.

Claim 59 is patentable as it recites two ends of the first filtering media with a barrier and second media covering one of said ends.

Claim 60 is patentable since it recites that "said first, second and fifth porous barriers comprise one continuous barrier."

Claims 60 and 61 are patentable since they define the shape of certain parts of claim 58.

Claim 62, in combination with claim 57, is patentable since claim 62 says one of the drains surrounds, in one plane, all of the other elements of said claim 57.

Claim 63, defines in more detail the barrier material and is, therefore, patentable.

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21. (Amended) A filtering system comprising:

an inlet for receiving liquid to be filtered,

a reservoir fed by said inlet,

an outlet for receiving fluid that overflows said reservoir,

a plurality of adjacent filter cells fed by said reservoir,

each filter cell having:

(a) at least first and second layers of filtering material,

(b) one of which layers receives water from said reservoir,

and allows said water to pass to the other layer,

(c) the other of said layers having two horizontal sides one of which sides is adjacent said one layer, and

(d) a drain adjacent the other said side of said other layer, and

an outlet for filtered water fed by said drain[s],

said cells being circular and concentric.

26. (Amended) A filtering system as defined in claim 25, in which said cells are not only circular and concentric with each other [.] but are complete circles extending 360 degrees.

27. (Amended) A filtering system as defined in claim [26] 21, in which each layer of each cell is circular and concentric with all other layers of said cells.

33. (Amended) A filtering system as defined in claim [32]
31, in which each layer of each cell is circular, and concentric
with all other layers.